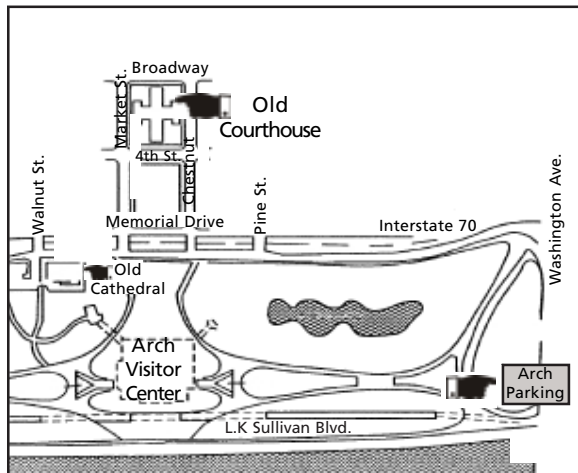


Additional Information

Registration and refreshments will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. at the Old Courthouse. All sessions will be held at the Old Courthouse.

Lunch is on your own. A list of nearby restaurants will be provided. The workshop will include some walking and climbing stairs. Please dress casually and wear comfortable shoes.

Participants using the Arch Garage, located on Washington Avenue between Memorial Drive and Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd., will receive a free parking pass.



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*"Times now are not
as they once were."*

Chief Justice William Scott
Missouri Supreme Court
1854



Dred Scott: 150 Years Later
Teacher Workshop
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at Jefferson National
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Make your reservation by calling
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In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down an appeal by a St. Louis slave seeking freedom for himself and his family. Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Roger Taney declared that because Dred Scott was African American, he was not a U.S. citizen and, therefore, had no right to use the federal court system. He also wrote that the Missouri Compromise of 1820 violated the Fifth Amendment by limiting a slave holder's right to own property. Drawing a line in the sands of history, the Dred Scott Decision further divided northern and southern states long-embroiled in disagreements over slavery and tipped the nation further toward civil unrest.



Curriculum Objectives

Workshop sessions address some of the following tested objectives for the states of Missouri and Illinois, as well as National Standards for History and Social Studies:

ILS: 14.F, 16.B-D

MAP: SS 1, 2, 3, 6

NCSS: II.a, II.c, II.d, V.e, VI.f, VI.h

NSH: 4.2, 4.4, 5.1

The Legacy of the Dred Scott Decision

Learn how the Dred Scott Decision affected the nation, as well as how the major players fared afterward. Park historian Bob Moore will present the historical background and legacy of the case.

Trial for Freedom

Dred Scott's original suit against his owner occurred in one of the Old Courthouse courtrooms. Reenact one of the initial hearings in a courtroom restored to look like the original from the 1850s.



Dred Scott Trunk

Can't bring your class to the Old Courthouse? We'll send some of it to you. Traveling trunks deliver resources and materials to your classroom where students can get hands-on history experience. The new Dred Scott Traveling Trunk includes living history items, images, documents, books, audio and video resources. Education specialist Diane Weber will present the trunk and ways to use it in your classroom.

Freedom School

Despite a law prohibiting anyone in St. Louis from teaching free African Americans how to read or write, many people sought an education in secret "freedom schools." While the freedom schools were never held in the Old Courthouse, this program shows the length to which many people were willing to go to gain equality and true freedom.



Freedom Suits

Dred Scott was not the only slave to sue for freedom. More than 300 slaves petitioned for freedom through the St. Louis court system. Records from those cases tell an interesting story of the individuals and their times. Mike Everman of the Missouri State Archives talks about his work organizing and cataloging court records from freedom suit cases.

